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11. Post discussed reftel points with Assistant Director Leila Lorasantos of the Office of United Nations and International Organizations (UNIO) of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), underscoring that the U.S. has decided to resume participation as an active observer at the UN Human Rights Council. However, we noted that the U.S. will not participate in further negotiations on the current text of the Durban Review Conference nor participate in a conference based on this text. Post also informed Director Lora-santos that the U.S. intends to make these decisions public on Sunday, March 1. KENNEY